

Social Services Consolidated Amendment

P Heath Amendment 98, ~~264, 265, 752, 759~~ and 794 have been recategorized as Social Services amendments.

Mr. Rogers of Norwood, Mr. Ruane of Salem, Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield and others move to consolidate the following amendments: 5, 6, 17, 94, 95, 98, 217, 277, 294, 295, 302, 313, 314, 357, 393, 442, 477, 478, 495, 515, 637, 780, 794, 852, 870, and 937. And hereby move to amend H. 4000 in section 2 by striking items 4800-0038, 4800-1100, 4800-1400, 4800-1600 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4800-0038 For stabilization, unification, reunification, permanency, adoption, guardianship, and foster care services provided by the department of social services; provided, that services funded through this item shall include shelter services, substance abuse treatment, family reunification networks, parent aides, education and counseling services, family preservation services, foster care, adoption and guardianship subsidies, tiered reimbursements used to promote the foster care placement of children with special medical and social needs, assessment of the appropriateness of adoption for children in the care of the department for more than 12 months, protective services provided by partnership agencies, targeted recruitment and retention of foster families, respite care services, post-adoption services, support services for foster, kinship and adoptive families, and juvenile firesetter programs; provided further, that any child eligible for a clothing benefit under regulations in place on January 1, 2003 shall receive a clothing benefit in fiscal year 2004; provided further, that the department shall report monthly to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the number of clients served, the cost per unit of service and any available information on the outcome of services provided for each program funded from this item; provided further, that not less than \$30,000 shall be expended for a contract with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands; provided further that not less than \$90,000 shall be expended for the Children's Cove Cape and Islands Child Advocacy Center; provided further, that the department shall expend no less than \$348,850 for Casa Esperanza to implement a family stabilization and reunification program; provided further, that not more than \$140,000 shall be expended for the Comprehensive School Age Parenting Program, for a year-round school based program in Boston high schools and middle schools for pregnant teens, young mothers and fathers and other youth at high risk for school drop out; provided further, that not more than \$100,000 shall be provided for the operation of the Healthy Families program, so-called; provided further, that not less than \$298,000 shall be expended for alternative schools for students aged 14 to 16 inclusive, who are placed before the court on child in need of services petitions in region 6; provided further, that not more than \$295,000 shall be expended for the Massachusetts Families for Kids program, so-called; provided further, that not more than \$200,000 be

expended for the Berkshire Area Health Education Center, Inc. for the support and implementation of model community coalitions and community capacity building activities; provided further, that the department shall expend a sum of not more than \$48,000 in Region 1 for a community-based family unification counseling program to prevent juvenile delinquency; provided further, that not less than \$150,000 shall be expended for a contract with Julie's Family Learning Program in the South Boston section of the city of Boston; provided further, that not less than \$250,000 shall be expended for a contract for an integrated family services team in region 6; provided further, that \$200,000 shall be expended for a state-wide contract with Northeastern University for a violence prevention and conflict resolution mentoring program; provided further, that not less than \$35,000 shall be expended by the Framingham office of the Department of Social Services for the MetroWest Campership program operated by the Ashland youth advisory in partnership with said department; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the purpose of providing case management services for the Amity Transitional Housing program in the city of Lynn; provided further, that not less than \$15,000 shall be expended on a teen pregnancy prevention program operated by Girls, Inc. of Lynn; provided further, that service providers shall provide the department with all information necessary to allow the completion of these reports; and provided further, that not later than February 17 of the current fiscal year the department shall provide to the house and senate committees on ways and means a recommendation on whether or not to discontinue any program, including earmarked programs, whose cost per unit of service or service outcomes do not fall within a reasonable standard..... \$247,500,783

- 4800-1100 For the AA subsidiary costs of the department's social workers; provided, that funds shall be directed toward mitigating social worker caseloads in those area offices furthest above the statewide weighted caseload standard and toward achieving a social worker caseload ratio of 18 to 1 statewide; provided further, that the department shall report monthly to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the current social worker caseloads by type of case and level of social worker assigned to cases, the caseload ratio of each social worker with a caseload ratio in excess of 18 to 1, the office in which each of the social workers works and the total number of social workers in excess of the 18 to 1 ratio by region; provided further, that the department shall develop a management plan so that no social worker shall be over the 18 to 1 caseload standard for more than two consecutive months; provided further, that the department shall report on said management plan to House Ways & Means and Senate Ways & Means by January 15, 2004; provided further, that only employees of bargaining unit 8 as identified in the Massachusetts personnel administrative reporting and information system shall be paid from this item; and provided further, that any other payroll or administrative expenses associated with the

management or support of such employees shall be paid from item 4800-0015.....\$128,177,063

4800-1400 For shelters and support services for women and children at risk of domestic violence, including supervised visitation programs; provided, that the department shall pursue the establishment of public-private partnership agreements established for family stabilization services funded from sources other than the commonwealth; provided further, that funding shall be made available for certified batterer intervention programs to assist indigent batterers and their families; provided further, that funding shall be expended for community-based domestic violence prevention and intervention programs; provided further, that funds from this account shall be expended for a scattered site transitional housing program for victims of domestic violence and their dependents; provided, that the department shall collaborate with the department of social services to ensure that participants in battered women's programs are provided with information regarding local transitional housing resources; provided further, that the program shall assist victims of domestic violence in finding and maintaining permanent housing provided further, that funding shall be made available to enhance counseling services for children who have witnessed domestic violence; provided further, that funding shall be made available for emergency shelters for substance abusing battered women; provided further, that funding shall be made available for statewide domestic violence hotline; provided further, that domestic violence prevention specialists, including those that service recipients of transitional assistance, shall be funded from this item; provided further, that not less than \$45,000 be expended for a domestic violence prevention program called "Teens-at-Risk", operated by Portal of Hope, for the communities of Everett, Lynn, Malden, and Medford; provided further, that not less than \$10,000 be expended for the Words not Weapons mentoring project in Saugus; provided further, that not less than \$50,000 shall be expended for the On The Rise shelter for homeless women in Cambridge; and provided further, that no expenditures shall be made, on or after the effective date of this act, which would cause the commonwealth's obligation for the purpose of this item to exceed the amount appropriated herein.....\$21,173,488

4800-1600 For programs to provide support and counseling to young parents; provided, that funds shall be expended for the young parent programs, so-called, operated through the Department of Transitional Assistance; provided that the child care for children of teen parents receiving transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits, teen parents receiving supplemental security income payments and whose dependent children receive aid, and teen parents at risk of becoming eligible for transitional aid to families with dependent children benefits shall be paid from this item; provided further, that \$300,000 shall be expended for Summerhill House in Norwood; provided further, that funds shall be expended on structured

settings as provided in subsection (i) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 for parents under the age of 20 who are receiving benefits under the transitional aid to families with dependent children program; and provided further, that expenditures from this item shall not exceed the amount appropriated in this item.....\$18,842,950
